

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Van Winkle *et al.*

Application No. 10/509,691

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Confirmation No. 3095

For: GENERATION OF PLANTS WITH
IMPROVED DROUGHT TOLERANCE

Examiner: Vinod Kumar

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated June 14, 2006. A three-month period for response was set, making a response due on or before **September 14, 2006**. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

Exhibits A and B are submitted herewith.